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That CIA Report

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Mr. KASTENMEIER. Mr. Speaker, my hometown daily newspaper, the Watertown, Wis., Daily Times, last week carried an editorial dealing with the CIA report that it was the target of the Russian CIA counterpart, the KGB. The Times is to be complimented for this editorial which admirably speaks for itself. Without further comment, I commend it to you for your consideration.

THAT CIA REPORT

Maybe it is true, as the Central Intelligence Agency complains in a report being circulated among a few Members of Congress, that the Soviet Union has mounted a propaganda campaign against the CIA and also the Federal Bureau of Investigation. One might go so far as to say that probably it is true. What could be more natural than for Moscow to try to damage U.S. intelligence agencies in every possible way?

Maybe it is true, indeed very likely it is true, that CIA intelligence has come up with the right dope—that the objective of this relentless campaign headed by the KGB, Russia's State Security Service, "is to achieve the destruction, breakup and neutralization of CIA." In the present world climate, with open hostility between our country and Russia the order of the day, it would be most surprising if the KGB were not thus engaged. Doubtless the CIA has a few counterirons in the fire.

Thus it strikes us that maybe something else is true. Maybe the Central Intelligence Agency's purpose in circulating this "secret" report—which has been so conveniently leaked to the press—is not solely to inform a few Members of Congress. Maybe the CIA also seeks to undermine and discredit Americans who have been so bold as to suggest that the CIA has on occasion behaved clumsily abroad and has played an unwarranted role in foreign policy manipulations. The Bay of Pigs fiasco and the recently disclosed effort to bribe a high Malaysian public official are only a couple of numerous cases in point.

Maybe it is true that the CIA is using this report, which in itself is quite plausible, to discourage creation of the joint congressional "watchdog" committee so often proposed. Perhaps the CIA has provided one more good reason for establishing just such a committee.

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